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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 2.7% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 17, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic increased 2.7 percent to 33.8 billion passenger miles in September, and the number of passengers reached 33.7 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles increased 0.5 percent in September over the same period last year. Available seat miles declined 0.2 percent. Passengers decreased 1.8 percent to 30.4 million, while the load factor was 58.6 percent, up from 58.1 percent for September a year ago.

In international service, traffic in September climbed 8.9 percent, and available seat miles rose 10.0 percent. Passengers increased 6.5 percent to 3.2 million, and the load factor amounted to 67.6 percent.

For the first nine months of 1989, airline passenger traffic continues to track 1988 figures with a slight increase. The revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 1.7 percent, and the available seat miles increased 0.5 percent. The number of passengers declined 1.3 percent to 323.6 million, and the load factor amounted to 64.2 percent versus 63.5 percent for the same time period last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1989 - 1988

	SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	30,948	30,406	(1.8)	301,176	295,945	(1.7)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	24,462,892	24,596,331	0.5	242,723,557	241,409,728	(0.5)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	42,072,768	42,008,862	(0.2)	390,044,220	381,691,323	(2.1)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	58.1	58.6		62.2	63.2	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	3,047	3,245	6.5	26,615	27,703	4.1
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	8,462,192	9,215,777	8.9	70,700,974	77,385,554	9.5
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	12,397,246	13,642,351	10.0	103,618,129	114,559,137	10.6
LOAD FACTOR (%)	68.3	67.6		68.2	67.6	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	33,995	33,651	(1.0)	327,791	323,648	(1.3)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	32,925,084	33,812,108	2.7	313,424,531	318,795,282	1.7
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	54,470,014	55,651,213	2.2	493,662,349	496,250,460	0.5
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.4	60.8		63.5	64.2	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD,
UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

Note: Eastern September numbers are estimated

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,326,656	54,786,969	64.5	38,811
April	33,240,219	53,065,878	62.6	35,866
May	34,381,529	55,049,442	62.5	36,737
June	37,243,100	55,884,844	66.6	38,021
July	39,818,796	58,316,508	68.3	39,585
August	41,895,721	58,998,348	71.0	41,540
September	32,925,084	54,470,014	60.4	33,995
October	34,468,706	55,507,544	62.1	36,519
November	31,506,302	52,723,437	59.8	34,695
December	32,434,239	55,695,092	58.2	34,230

TOTAL 1988	411,833,778	657,588,422	62.6	433,235
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Jan - Sep 1988	313,424,531	493,662,349	63.5	327,791
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1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,812,108	55,651,213	60.8	33,651
TOTAL 1989	318,795,282	496,250,460	64.2	323,648

PERCENT CHANGE

	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
September	2.7	2.2	-1.0
Jan - September	1.7	0.5	-1.3

